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Keep up with the trivia from the upper reaches of Our Town. Each Saturday The News publishes these conversation pieces, diligently winnowed from masses of the same gathered by Andrew Tully and Jerry Bennett—eavesdroppers par excellence.

Dressed for Action

Robert Amory, deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, showed up at a "New Frontier" party thrown by newsmen Walter Ridder and Mrs. Ridder, dressed as Fidel Castro. Besides beard and army fatigues, Mr. Amory even carried a Czech rifle.

The usually staid Averell Harriman, President Kennedy's new roving Ambassador, showed up in baggy knee breeches, high boots and fancy jacket—all from Russia. And JFK's choice as Ambassador to India, Dr. Kenneth Galbraith, exposed plenty of his six-foot, seven-inch frame in a set of kilts.

Paging Alan Dulles!

Overheard in a Pentagon snack bar:

Young man to a pretty secretary—"That's a classified document you have folded there. I can see the word 'Confidential.' Aren't you afraid you'll get in trouble?"

Pretty young secretary—"Oh, this is nothing. I bring Top Secret documents here all the time and keep them face down on the counter. It's too much trouble to put them back in the files before I take my coffee break."